

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 11, 12, 14-20, and 22-41 and add new claims 42-54 as follows:

Claim 42. (New) A multilumen catheter assembly comprising:

a unitary catheter body having:

a proximal end;

a distal end;

a plurality of lumens disposed between the proximal end and the distal end; and

a longitudinal plane generally bisecting the unitary catheter body,

wherein the plurality of lumens comprises:

a first lumen disposed on a first side of the longitudinal plane,

wherein the first lumen includes a first distal end tube, wherein the first distal end tube includes at least one of a tongue and a groove disposed proximate to the longitudinal plane; and

a second lumen disposed on a second side of the longitudinal plane, wherein the second lumen includes a second distal end tube, wherein the second distal end tube includes at least the other of the tongue and the groove disposed proximate to the longitudinal plane;

wherein each of the at least one tongue is displaceable across the longitudinal plane into a respective at least one groove and wherein the first and second distal end tubes are splittable along the longitudinal plane from each other by removing at least a portion of each of the at least one tongue from at least a portion of each of the at least one groove.

Claim 43. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly according to claim 42, wherein the first lumen includes a generally flat first face and wherein the second lumen includes a generally flat second face juxtaposed across the longitudinal plane from the first face.

Claim 44. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly according to claim 43, wherein the at least one tongue extends from one of the first face and the second face, and wherein the at least one groove extends into the other of the first face and the second face.

Claim 45. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly according to claim 42, wherein the first distal end tube comprises a first passageway in fluid communication with the first lumen and wherein the second end tube comprises a second passageway in fluid communication with the second lumen.

Claim 46. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly according to claim 45, further comprising a plurality of holes formed through each of the first and second distal end tubes to provide fluid flow from outside the first and second distal end tubes into the first and second passageways, respectively, in the first and second distal end tubes.

Claim 47. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly according to claim 42, further comprising a first extension tube in fluid communication with a proximal end of the first lumen and a second extension tube in fluid communication with a proximal end of the second lumen.

Claim 48. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly according to claim 47, further comprising a connector and a clamp releasably attached to each extension tube.

Claim 49. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly according to claim 42, further comprising a first distal end opening in the first distal end tube and a second distal end opening in the second distal end tube.

Claim 50. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly of claim 42, wherein the first and the second distal end tubes each have an exterior generally "D"-shaped in cross section, the "D"-shape defining a generally flat exterior portion and a rounded exterior portion.

Claim 51. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly of claim 50, wherein the first and the second distal end tubes are adjoined to one another along their respective flat exterior portions for at least a portion of their longitudinal length.

Claim 52. (original) The multilumen catheter assembly of claim 51, wherein the adjoined first and second distal end tubes together have an exterior that is generally round in cross section.

Claim 53. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly of claim 42, wherein the splittable portion of the first and the second distal end tubes are releasable through use of minimal force.

Claim 53. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly of claim 53, wherein the minimal force is between one and five pounds of force.

Claim 54. (new) The multilumen catheter assembly of claim 42, wherein the first lumen has a first passageway having a generally circular cross section and wherein the second lumen has a second passageway having a generally circular cross section.